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ABSTRACT

A method for distributing a program code to a plurality of measuring instruments, each of which is coupled to a control computer respectively via a second bus wit the control computer being coupled to a central computer via a first bus which is, in turn, coupled with a storage-medium reading device and/or an inter-regional network. In this respect, the program code is fed to the central computer by placing a storage medium on which the program code is stored in the storage-medium reading device or by transmitting the program code via the inter-regional network. The program code is transmitted from the central computer to the control computers over the second bus. The control computers transmit the program code via the first bus to the coupled measuring instruments.